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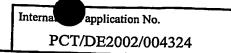
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v.	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement					
1.	Statement					
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-18	YES		
		Claims		NO		
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-18	YES		
		Claims		NO		
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-18	YES		
		Claims		NO.		

Citations and explanations

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: US3934545.

Document D1 is considered to be the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1. Said document discloses (the references between parentheses refer to D1):

a coating device for coating base bodies which are, for example, lens-like or grain-like, said device comprising a drum (10) rotatably mounted abut a horizontal axis for accommodating the base body during charging, a charging arrangement (22, 24) for feeding the base bodies into the drum (10), a closable opening (80) in the drum (10) for receiving the uncoated base bodies into the drum (10) and for the removal of the finished coated base bodies from the drum (10), and also a spraying device (32) within the drum (10) for coating the base bodies, a discharging device (88) being provided below the drum (10), for conveying away the base bodes after coating, and a reciprocating baffle plate (84) being provided between the discharging device (88) and the drum (10), which baffle plate (84) can be moved from a first position screening the discharge device (88) into a second position exposing the discharging device (88) and back again.

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The subject matter of claim 1 differs from the known device according to D1 in that the baffle plate is designed as part of a cylinder sleeve and the radius of the cylinder sleeve is calculated such that the baffle plate encompasses the drum with the least possible gap, said baffle plate being securely connected to at least one roller-mounted guide rail for guiding the baffle plate.

Thus, the subject matter of claim 1 is novel (PCT Article 33(2)).